

**Preliminary Amendment**

1. (Currently Amended) A paper-pressing table lock mechanism of stapler comprising:

a table link ~~that is rotatably provided in a base; and has~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ a paper-pressing table provided on the table link; including~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ a movable clincher provided on a leading end of the~~  
~~paper-pressing table;~~:-

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the table link having a fixing pin projecting on a side surface~~  
~~of the table link;~~

a fixing plate ~~slidable with a wedge action with respect to~~  
the fixing pin and engagable with the fixing pin to lock the table  
link in a paper-pressing state;

a driver that drives a staple to sheets of paper to be stapled  
pressed against the ~~paper-pressing table from an opposite side;~~

a clincher link that is rotatably provided in the base so as  
to press the movable clincher of the table link in the paper-pressing  
state from an opposite side of the driver and that clinches each  
leg of the staple penetrating the sheets of paper to be stapled;

a clinch lever that presses the clincher link ~~to operate;~~ and  
a pressure reducing mechanism that temporarily reduces the  
pressure by the clinch lever with respect to the clincher link.

2. (Currently Amended) The paper-pressing table lock mechanism of  
stapler according to claim 1, wherein the pressure reducing

mechanism comprises a sector-shaped cam, and ~~of which the a~~  
~~periphery of the sector-shaped cam~~ is engaged with the clinch lever,

the sector-shaped cam has an stepped portion formed on the  
periphery of the sector-shaped cam, and

when the clinch lever is engaged with the stepped portion,  
a pressure with respect to the clincher link is reduced.

3. (Currently Amended) The paper-pressing table lock mechanism of  
stapler according to claim 2, wherein the sector-shaped cam  
comprises a first and second sector-shaped cams, the first and  
second sector-shaped cams have the same external feature, and the  
first and second sector-shaped cams are mounted on a common driving  
shaft so as to rotate at the same phase.

4. (Currently Amended) The paper-pressing table lock mechanism of  
stapler according to claim 2, wherein the sector-shaped cam  
comprises a first and second sector-shaped cams,

the first and second sector-shaped cams have the same external  
feature, ~~and~~

the first and second sector-shaped cams are mounted on a  
common driving shaft, ~~so that~~ and

a phase of the first sector-shaped cam and a phase of the second  
sector-shaped cam are shifted. ~~a rotation phase difference between~~  
~~the first and second sector-shaped cams occurs.~~

5. (Original) The paper-pressing table lock mechanism of  
stapler according to claim 2, wherein the sector-shaped cam  
comprises a first and second sector-shaped cams,

the first sector-shaped cam has a first stepped portion,  
the second sector-shaped cam has a second stepped portion,  
the first and second stepped portions are respectively formed  
in the first and second sector-shaped cams so that the respective  
clinch levers are respectively engaged with the first and second  
stepped portions at shifted timing.